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Thanks

- .. to those parents who attended this weeks 3 Way Conferences.
- .. to those awesome parents who helped out with swimming time trials
- .. to those who transported and supervised at this week's tennis doubles tournament.
- .. Brad and Drae who did a great job with interview bells this week.

People of the week

.. Our triathletes who this week achieved a first place (girls) and second and third places (boys) in the Yr 7 & 8 Age Group at the Northland Secondary Schools Triathlon event. A phenomenal achievement.

Girls (First place)	Boys (Second Place)	Boys (Third Place)
Ruby	Caleb	Harrison
Michelle	Brad	Angus
Natasha	Max	Peter

.. Lachie, Kyrin and Ryan (from our junior school) who went to extraordinary lengths this week to comfort a pre-schooler who fell face first into the dirt. Well done boys! This child's mum was so impressed.

.. Our short stay international students who head back to South Korea this weekend. Best wishes.

Please keep us informed of the achievements of present and past pupils so that we can celebrate these together.

Good luck

.. to our representatives in next week's Zone Swimming Sports.

Zone Swimming Sports - Kokopu School - 4.3 (pp 7.3) - Years 4-8

Children participating in this event will travel by bus departing shortly after 9:00 AM returning to school by 3:00 PM. Please ensure children bring their togs, sunhats, plenty to drink, lunch, something warm to wear between races and sunblock and spending money at your discretion. Please note that children travelling by bus must return by bus unless prior arrangement is made with an attending teacher.

School Swimming Sports

Please accept this cordial invitation to attend our School Swimming Sports on **Wednesday 6 March**. Approximate times are as follows ..

- 10:45 Freestyle Races
- 11:40 Backstroke Races
- 12:25 Breaststroke Races
- 12:50 LUNCH
- 1:30 Relays
- 2:20 Novelty Races
- 2:30 Prize Giving

Remember times are approximate. Special thanks to **Matarau Electrical** who are sponsoring this year's event.

The seniors will host a sausage sizzle and selling sausages, juices and ice blocks as part of their fund-raising and so please bring along some change.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar. We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

4 March	Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School
6 March	School Swimming Sports
11 March	Year 7 and 8 camp to Auckland
12 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
26 March	Year 4 to 6 Summer Sports Tournament
29 March	Good Friday
1/2 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday
19 April	Final day term 1

School Charter / Targets for 2013

If you would like to have been at this week's meeting to discuss our targets/ focus areas for 2013, and were unable to make it, please note that a summary statement is available under the board tab on our school website, or in hard copy form from Kevin on request. Kevin is also more than happy to chat with any interested parent(s) at a mutually convenient time.

Junior (Year 1 to 3) Swimming Sports - 11 March

You are invited to our special junior swimming sports for year 1-3 starting 1:45pm on Monday 11th March.

Please note this is a different day to the middle and senior swimming sports day. The goal of this day is primarily participation and fun. This is being held separately to give juniors more time in the pool.

The afternoon will unfold as follows ..

Year 3 - length swimmers races Year 3 - width swimmers races

Year 2 - length swimmers races Year 2 - width swimmers races

Year 1- width swimmers races

We are looking forward to having lots of fun and to celebrating how much the children have improved in swimming this year. See you there.



School Contributions / Trips and Events Fee / Spelling Books

Please forward payment for the above to school at your earliest convenience.

If feeling financially stretched at the moment parents are welcome to contact Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. You will find us accommodating and discreet.

Turbo-touch .. after school

Shortly parents will receive an invitation to enrol their children in the turbo touch programme to be held here at school Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30 (times to be confirmed). This programme is an ideal opportunity for children to grow their sports skills and develop self-esteem. There is a charge for this popular programme and more details will be sent home very soon.

Non-availability of the pool

Please note that the swimming pool has been booked after school 5 March and so will not be available for use by key holders on this afternoon. We apologise for any inconvenience arising from this.

Ka Hikitia - the Maori Education Strategy

If interested in knowing more about the above strategy paper and its implications for schools please contact Kevin. We are happy to send you a hard (or electronic) summary. Our board is currently assessing the implications of this strategy for our school.

After School Maths Labs

Indications are that parents of children in last year's maths labs would like them in labs again this term. The intention of this follow-up series of labs is to ensure that gains have been sustained and to do a little bit of consolidation. So .. parents of these children are asked to note that labs start **week beginning 18 March** and will be held from **3:30 to 4:30 each Monday and Thursday** until term's end. If your children are

participating in these labs please make sure they bring a snack for after school and that they are picked up at 4:30 when labs are completed. **To reiterate, if your child was in the labs last term, and we have not heard from you to the contrary, we are expecting them to be at these labs this term.**

Learning support programmes

We are currently finalising placements in Mrs Comrie's learning support programme for this term. If you receive a letter advising of placement please return the withdrawal consent as soon as possible. Please note that placement also presupposes a high level of interest and support from home and commitment to the completion of assigned work. Time in these programmes is limited and we are keen to maximise returns in the shortest possible time.

Literacy Labs

Parents of children nominated for the literacy labs will be advised shortly. The focus will be on basic parts of speech, sentence building, punctuation and proof-reading. Literacy Labs will run each **Wednesday 3:30 to 4:30**.

Pool Keys

If you received an invoice for a key held over from last season please pay for this next week.

Headlice

All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please and to respond promptly in the event of infestation.

Guitar Lessons

There are a number of vacancies in this popular after school programme (Wednesday & Thursday in the Old School Room - by the upper car park). Cost \$20 per lesson. Vangie has a spare guitar for kids trying out. If interested please phone Vangie on 434 7573 or 021 1883251, or email killalea@ihug.co.nz

If interested ...

.. in yoga classes in our school hall for as little as \$5.00 a lesson on a Wednesday after school please give Susan Pryor a call on 094339578 or 0212084167 (this is a much reduced rate and Susan is well qualified for this role). There is some interest already but numbers need to lift somewhat for this to be viable. Susan is more than happy to answer any questions.

Newsletter .. a reminder to let Helen know if you would like to receive your newsletter by email.

Reminder - If you have not yet returned your fundraiser parent help form, could you please return to the office as soon as possible.

Finally

The final word this week is one of appreciation to those parents who met with staff this week to set goals, talk about how their child had settled, and to share some initial impressions. Staff have appreciated your input and your overwhelmingly positive feedback. Thank you!

Regards
Kevin Trehwella

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Garage Sale- 2 March (Saturday) 1238 Pipiwai Road for tools from 7:00 AM onwards. 1236A Pipiwai Road for household items from 8:00 AM onwards.

FOR SALE: 2 pairs childrens polycotton zip front overalls, colour blue. 1 x size 10; 1 x size 12. Excellent Condition. \$20 per pair. Ph Brenda 021 113 0593.

Firewood for Sale –Approx 1.2m³ of gum \$90/load. Delivery by arrangement. Fundraiser for competitive student cyclist. Ph Jeremy or Kevin 4355336.

Comrie Park Tennis Club - The Matarau Tennis Club would like to remind you that we have some fabulous courts available for a very small annual key fee of \$75.00. Club Night is held on Monday evening's from 5.30pm. If you would like to know more about club night or express an interest please contact Sean Parker by email: seanparker.nz@gmail.com If you're interested in becoming a member please contact Robyn McKegg by mail: russrob@xtra.co.nz or phone 4335 501.

Flatmate Wanted – 1 room to rent in Hikurangi \$80 per wk (negotiable) + power. You can have the use of the garage too. I'm a nightshift person, so I'll see you in the weekends. You'll have to cook for yourself. Phone Glenis 0220337812.



Matarau School Triathlon Teams